

WESTERLY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT

Has Hose Wagon with Chemical Tank Addition—New Fire Alarm System Installed—Fine Parade of Pawcatuck Department—County Commissioner Williams Takes Measurements with Reference Application.

The firemen of Pawcatuck held their united parade and inspection Saturday afternoon. The department is not large but its general efficiency has been positively proven. The P. S. Barber hose company house was opened for public inspection at noon, and the official parade and inspection took place in the afternoon. Every man in the line was in regulation uniform, all in first class condition, the board of engineers and fire police making their first appearance in new uniforms. The procession formed in front of the fire house in Liberty street in this order:

Westerly Band, Charles O. Gavitt, leader.
Pawcatuck Fire Police, James E. Kennedy, Captain.
Chief Henry A. Stahl.
Asst. Frank L. Dawley, John E. McMahon, Howard Reynolds, Board of Engineers.
Pelag S. Barber Hose Co., Patrick Shea, Foreman, drawing Hose Reel.
Hose Wagon drawn by horses.

The parade was confined to the limits of Pawcatuck fire district and flags were displayed from the residences along the line of march. It is planned to have these parades annually, and perhaps a fire organization from out of town will be invited to participate and thus increase interest in this annual event. Next Saturday night the P. S. Barber hose company members and guests will enjoy the annual supper.

The hose wagon of the Cyclone steam fire engine company, Westerly, with new chemical tank addition, is back from Providence and is now in commission in the fire house on Cooney hill. The tank had been given several tests and found to be defective. This was sent back to Providence and a representative of the company that furnished the tank came to Westerly Saturday with a new screw cap. There was a hurried test which was satisfactory to the committee present, Charles Perry, Thomas McKenzie and Frank G. Haswell, but before the chemical tank is finally accepted, it must work to the satisfaction of Chief Engineer Cottrell.

The tank is placed under the seat of the wagon, with the tripper close to the front end and the agitator just over the forward wheel. It does not take up much of the water hose space, but with the basket and chemical hose adds over eight hundred pounds to the original weight of the wagon. If this tank proves satisfactory the hose wagon of the Rhode Island Ones, one will

be added to that piece of fire apparatus. The new triple circuit fire alarm system is fully installed, with the latest approved switchboard located in the fire house, with Chief Cottrell in charge. The power for the electric motor is furnished from the local plant and is operated eight hours each day, making the system operative for a period of seventy-two hours should the power plant become disabled from any cause. This new system requires considerable attention and takes much of the time of the chief engineer, whose recompense from the Westerly fire district is only \$100 a year.

County Commissioner B. F. Williams of Mystic visited Pawcatuck Saturday evening and took measurements from the Congregational church property in a direct line to buildings in Liberty street for which applications have been made for liquor licenses. It is said he found some of the places to be within the prescribed limits. It is understood that the measurements were taken at the request of the pastor of the church. This action is taken as indicative that remonstrance is to be made against applicants on the ground of unsuitability of places.

Aside from St. Michael's church, the Congregational church happens to be the only regularly organized church in the village of Pawcatuck and the only one that is liable to affect the applicants for liquor license. The People's Mission, which is located in the same building with a hardware store, an insurance office and Nash's inn, is not considered in the class with charitable institutions, within the meaning of the law, although the owner of the building is making effort to have it so interpreted, on the belief that a saloon in the vicinity would tend to lessen the valuation of the property.

There was a big field day of the golf clubs of Rhode Island at the Wannamisset Country club, Providence, on Saturday. Seventeen players were in competition at the Agawam hunt in the men's handicap and nine of the players reported their cards. William Clark of Westerly took best gross with 84, 8 heap and 18 net. B. M. Smith, B. B. Adams and G. L. C. Ormsbee tied at 82 for best net.

Rev. George W. Rigler, D.D., pastor of First Baptist church, Westerly, has been invited to become pastor of the Lonsdale Baptist church, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. J. H. Palmer. It was unanimously voted to extend the call at a business meeting of the Lonsdale Baptist church and society, held Friday evening. Mr. Rigler has been located in Westerly about three years. The call is being considered, and no definite decision has been reached.

The newly elected republican town committee for the first district met Saturday evening for organization, and Dr. Michael H. Scanlon was elected chairman and George Benjamin Utter clerk, without opposition. It was decided to call the caucus for the nomination of a candidate for the general assembly, next Thursday afternoon. The committee decided to remain neutral and not recommend either Joseph T. Murphy of Thomms W. Biddle, leaving the matter entirely with the caucus.

Lieut.-Col. Charles H. Ledward of Westerly, who has been an officer for 25 years, has tendered his resignation from the military service of Rhode Island and will be retired with rank of colonel. He has been second and first lieutenants and captain of the Westerly company, a major of the First regiment, and has been for the past two lieutenant colonel of the First artillery district. He served as captain in the Spanish-American war and is one of the best-posted military men in the state.

For the third time in the past three months, Herbert Thompson's place in Pleasant street, has been raided and liquor seized. Sergeant Brown, with search warrant accompanied by Policeman Mitchell, visited Thompson's Saturday evening. The officers seized half a barrel of beer on drought and found three men in the place. It is said that a special charge of being a "common raider" will be preferred against Thompson.

Albert Fahmer, architect at the New England granite works, is seriously ill at the Rhode Island hospital. He was suddenly attacked while at the works Thursday noon, was taken to the hospital Saturday, and underwent an operation for appendicitis by Dr. John Keefe, assisted by Dr. M. H. Scanlon. Suppuration had set in and the appendix had burst, therefore the case is serious and complicated.

Local Laconics.
Rev. Joseph L. Peacock preached in the First Baptist church, Warren, on Sunday.

Dr. M. H. Scanlon left Westerly for Philadelphia Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Scanlon accompanied him. They will return Tuesday.

In order to make connection with the 8.20 train Saturday evening, a trolley car was run from Watch Hill to the railroad station in just nineteen minutes.

Harold R. W. Peterson of Westerly, conductor on the Norwich and Westerly trolley road, and Miss Vera D. Langworthy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Burnside Langworthy of Ashaway, were married last Thursday by Rev. R. O. Sherwood in Attleboro, Mass.

STAFFORD SPRINGS
Prohibitionists and Democrats Nominate Candidates—Preparations for the Fair.

The prohibitionists have nominated John T. Melbourne and Charles P. Hodgeson for representatives. The Stafford delegates to the democratic senatorial convention, to be held in Andover next Saturday, are William E. Hanley, Charles B. Plimney, E. E. Fitzpatrick and J. N. O'Halloran.

Many Visit Fair Grounds.
Arrangements have been completed for the Stafford fair. Most of the horses which have been entered for the races are already on the ground. Showmen are now arriving on every train. A large crowd went out to the grounds Sunday afternoon, and those who had their eating tents ready did quite a business.

Daniel J. Hanley is taking the school enumeration.
W. R. Ridge, who has been in Worcester for the past two years, has returned to town and is now employed by Gary Brothers.
The election will meet at the town clerk's office this (Monday) afternoon.
Miss Margaret Hanley is visiting relatives in Worcester.
Teacher at Orcuttville.
Miss Marion J. Lamb of West Hartford has been engaged to teach in the

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Brief State News

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Jumped for Hat, John McLaugh May Lose Life.

Jabe McLaugh of this place was probably fatally injured Saturday night by jumping from a moving automobile to pick up his hat, which had blown off. McLaugh stepped on to the running board of the machine and jumped to the ground without waiting for the car, which was driven by Representative Charles H. Smith, to stop. When McLaugh failed to return to the car the machine was backed up and he was found lying unconscious near the trolley track with a gash in his head. He was taken to his home and Sunday morning taken to New London hospital. McLaugh is 24 years old and recently married.

Stratford.—A number of improvements are to be made to the Pilgrim Baptist (colored) church.

Waterbury.—There were 81 deaths during September, according to the certificates filed at the town clerk's office.

Plainville.—The funeral of Dwight H. Seelye, the veteran horseman, was held at his home on Crown street Friday afternoon.

Bristol.—Business at the Bristol post-office for September was considerably in excess of the corresponding month of one year ago.

Southington.—Alexander Carey and Edwin C. Lewis have been named by Southington republicans as candidates for representatives. They are Bulkeley men.

Meriden.—According to statistics compiled in a report completed by Supr. Kelly there is a total of 4,393 pupils registered in the various public schools.

Litchfield.—One of the features of Food Guard day today (Monday) will be the public reception to the governor and major at the Litchfield club house from 4 to 5 p. m.

Stamford.—A thief who evidently knew the combination of the safe and had a duplicate key entered the Ferguson library the other night. Between \$5 and \$10 was taken from the safe.

New Haven.—Judge and Mrs. D. D. Houtz of Salt Lake City, Utah, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Zula Judith Houtz, to J. Willis Bishop of New Haven, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bishop.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL ORGANIZES.

Prof. J. C. Moody Elected President of New Britain Body.

The New Britain public school teachers' council was reorganized at a meeting this week with the election of officers and the discussion of plans for the season's work. The objects of the council are:

To secure a more active and effective participation of the teachers in the professional direction of the schools.

To afford the largest possible opportunity for initiative on the part of the teachers.

To encourage professional improvement through study and discussion of important problems of education and school management.

To develop the sense of solidarity of the teaching body and an increasing appreciation of community of interest and responsibility among all teachers of all grades.

To furnish the teaching body a ready and effective means for the expression of its sentiments or opinions with reference to questions of school policy.

These officers were elected: President, J. C. Moody; vice president, Miss Lucy Melcher, High school; secretary, Miss Georgia McKee, Elbert street school.

It is announced that petroleum of a high grade has been found in paying quantities in the vicinity of Ceresmapi, Chile, at a depth of 554 meters, or 1,819 feet.

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